

## **James P. Schear**

### **Air Traffic Organization**

#### **Vice President, Safety**



As the Air Traffic Organization's Vice President for Safety, Rear Admiral Jim Schear is the focal point of safety, quality assurance and quality control of all ATO programs. He manages the ATO Safety Management System and is the primary point of contact with the FAA Safety Oversight Office. He is responsible for setting up ATO policies on safety issues and for managing the safety program. He performs Independent Test and Evaluation for designated new NAS systems and provides assessments of the operational and safety benefits of NAS systems. He also manages the runway safety programs and provides high-level oversight of investigations.

Before his assignment, Admiral Schear was the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Aviation Operations at the Transportation Security Administration. Prior to TSA, he had parallel career tracks as a commercial airline pilot and career Naval Reserve Officer. During his 28-year airline career, he flew many types of aircraft under FAR Part 121, amassing 20,000+ flight hours before retiring as an International Captain and Designated FAA Examiner on the B-767-200 ER. He was also in management for much of his career, with assignments as Chief Pilot, Manager of Flight Operations, and Director of Strategy and Systems Operations.

Admiral Schear retired from the Naval Reserve in 2000 after 37 years in uniform. He flew the P-3 Orion on both active duty and in the reserves, including multiple tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam years. He commanded two squadrons and served in progressively responsible positions as a flag officer, resulting in his assignment as Vice Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet.

Admiral Schear graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering.